

of complying would become much more bearable.

Well, guess what? This is a very political year. Everywhere you go, people are talking about change.

I will tell you what, I haven't heard the word "change" so much since I was an intern at the newborn nursery at the Parkland Hospital back in the 1970s. Everyone is talking about change. You turn on the television, people are talking about change.

Let's consider how that change could improve one of the most complicated of institutions, the Internal Revenue Service. More importantly, let's consider how that change could deliver prosperity, deliver time back to America's families and to America's taxpayers.

You know what, when it gets right down to it, that's a stimulus, that's a stimulus that every American could understand and every American could be for. That's a stimulus package that everyone on the floor of this House should consider and vote for.

I have got a bill, H.R. 1040. Ranking Member DREIER has a bill, Ranking Member PAUL RYAN has a bill. I think all of those are worth looking at. I would like to see those brought up in the appropriate committee of Ways and Means, the Subcommittee on Taxation. Let's have the debate; let's have the argument. Let's do it out in the open. Let the American people hear our debate, and let them decide who is arguing on their behalf and who is arguing on behalf of the special interests. I think it would become quite clear after just a few minutes of that debate.

Again, here is an opportunity to give time and money back to the American people. That is a stimulus package of which this body, both sides of the aisle, could be justifiably proud.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALTMIRE). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 9:07 p.m.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 9:07 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ALTMIRE) at 9 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 895, ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS

Ms. SUTTON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-547) on the resolution (H. Res. 1031) providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 895) establishing

within the House of Representatives an Office of Congressional Ethics, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and March 11, on account of official business.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and March 11 on account of official business in the district.

Ms. WOOLSEY (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical leave.

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a family medical emergency.

Mr. BUYER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of flight delays.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of illness in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HALL of New York) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HALL of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today, March 11, 12 and 13.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, March 14.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, March 13.

Mr. WELLER of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today, March 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, March 14.

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, March 11.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today, March 11, 12, 13 and 14.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S.J. Res. 25. Providing for the appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 11 minutes

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5651. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2008 as required by the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund provision in Title VI of Division A of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2008, Pub. L. 110-116; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5652. A letter from the Chief, Congressional Action Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting notice of a performance decision on the public-private competition affecting Detachment 1, Training Support Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5653. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment [Docket No. NHTSA-2007-28322] (RIN: 2127-AJ75) received February 20, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5654. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Final Listing of 2008 Light Duty Truck Lines Subject to the Requirements of This Standard and Exempted Vehicle Lines for Model Year 2008 [Docket No. NHTSA-2007-28497] (RIN: 2127-AJ97) received February 20, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5655. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of 2006 Quadrennial Regulatory Review — Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 FCC 07-216 [MB Docket 06-121 etc.] received February 25, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5656. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Peach Springs, Arizona) [MB Docket No. 07-164 RM-11386] received February 25, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5657. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of The Commission's Cable Horizontal and Vertical Ownership Limits Implementation of Section 11 of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 Implementation of Cable Act Reform Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 Review of the Commission's Regulations Governing Attribution of Broadcast and Cable/MDS Interests Review of the Commission's Regulations and Policies Affecting Investment in the Broadcast Industry Reexamination of the Commission's Cross-Interest Policy [MM Docket No.